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1. FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY SEGMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY TURKISH PRIMIN
BULENT ECEVIT ON JANUARY 12 (SECTION HEADINGS ADDED). COMMENTS
FOLLOW SEPTELS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES. "OUR GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE A DYNAMIC FOREIGN POLICY ATTACHING PRIORITY TO NATIONAL SECURITY, TAKING CORE IN ESTABLISHING AN EQUITABLE EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE OF OTHER NATIONS, PRIMARILY OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, EMBRACING AS A PRINCIPAL CORRECTNESS, CONSISTENCY AND FRANKNESS."

3. DEFENSE PROBLEMS. "SITUATED AS IT IS IN THE MOST SENSITIVE REGION OF THE WORLD, TURKEY CANNOT ALLOW ITS NATIONAL DEFENSE TO BE DEPENDENT ON THE DECISIONS OR INDECISIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

THOUGH IT HAS FOR MANY YEARS CONTRIBUTED, FAR BEYOND ITS ECONOMIC MEANS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE SYSTEM TO WHICH IT BELONGS, TURKEY HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUT IN A POSITION WHERE IT HAD DIFFICULTIES EVEN IN PURCHASING IN CASH FROM HER ALLIES THE DEFENSE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT OR THE SPARE PARTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL IT POSSESSED.

THIS PAINFUL EXPERIENCE HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THE RISKS INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY DEPENDENT BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT, ON EXTERNAL SOURCES AND PARTICULARLY ON A SINGLE SOURCE."

4. NEW NATIONAL SECURITY CONCEPT. "OUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS UNCLASSIFIED

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IT TO BE ONE OF OUR MOST URGENT PROBLEMS, TO FORMULATE A NATIONAL SECURITY CONCEPT IN KEEPING WITH ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES. THIS SHOULD BE A CONCEPT WHICH SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NOT ONLY THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE BUT ALSO GIVE PRIORITY TO SAFEGUARDING TURKEY'S NATIONAL SECURITY AND BASING OUR INDEPENDENCE ON SOUND FOUNDATIONS.

"IT WILL BE OUR CONCERN TO PREVENT ANY DISRUPTION OR DISCONTINUITY IN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, UNTIL SUCH A CONCEPT IS RAPIDLY FORMULATED AND PUT INTO EFFECT."

5. DEVOTION TO PEACE. "IN BASING OUR SECURITY ON SOLID FOUNDATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, WILL REMAIN ATTACHED TO ATATURK'S REALISTIC AND HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLE THAT IDENTIFIES PEACE AT HOME WITH PEACE IN THE WORLD. IN SAFEGUARDING TURKEY'S DEFENSE AND INDEPENDENCE, IT WILL BE DUTYBOUND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BALANCE IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD, TO INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND THE PROMOTION OF PEACE."

6. LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. "THE TURKISH NATION WHO HAS PIONEERED IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES OF THE OPPRESSED NATIONS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ATATURK, WILL CONFRONT IMPERIALISM WITH ALL ITS

MIGHT NO MATTER WHERE AND UNDER WHATEVER DISGUISE IT CONTINUES ITS EXISTENCE."

7. IMPROVING NATINAL SECURITY. "THE TURKISH NATION HAS SPARED NO SELF-SACRIFICE FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY. ON THEIR PART, THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES HAVE CONSTANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TURKEY IN ALL FIELDS, TO THE HAPPINESS, PEACE AND EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE, WHILE ALWAYS SAFEGUARDING THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SECUTITY WITH HIGH SENSE OF DUTY, SUPREME COMPETENCE AND COURAGE. THESE ATTRIBUTES OF OUR NATION

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AND ARMED FORCES PROVIDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THE NATIONAL STRENGTH AND DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER AND IN HARMONY WITH NATIONAL SECURITY. THIS POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIRE-
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MENTS OF DEMOCRACY AND OF THE AGE.

HOWEVER, AT A TIME WHEN AND IN A REGION WHERE THE ARAMAMENTS RACE CONTINUES UNABATED, TURKEY HAS TO DEAL WITH AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE THE CRISIS AND THE BOTTLENECKS IN ITS ECONOMY WITH A VEIW TO ACHIEVING ITS OWN NATIONAL SECURITY TO A GREAT EXTENT BY ITS OWN MEANS.

IF OUR GOVERNMENT RECEIVES THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OF THE AUGUST PARLIAMENT, IT WILL CONSIDER IT A REQUIREMENT OF PATRIOTISM AND NATIONALISM TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO RAISE THE TURKISH ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY TO THE STRENGTH NECESSITATED BY OUR NATIONAL SECURITY."

8. BASES OF FOREIGN POLICY. "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL FOLLOW A FOREIGN POLICY WHICH LINKS THE IMPORTANCE, EFFECTIVENESS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF TURKEY NOT TO INTERNATIONAL TENSION BUT TO DETENTE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE. IT WILL STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT WORLD PEACE IS BASED UPON HUMAN LOVE AND THE RPINCIPLE OF NON-VIOLABILITY OF EACH NATION'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVERIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NOT ON THE BALANCE OF TERROR."

DISARMAMENT. "OUR GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TERMINATION OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE, AND TO THE PREVENTION OF THE WAR TECHNOLOGY FROM REACHING DIMENSIONS DANGEROUS TO HUMANITY."

10. IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. "OUR GOVERNMENT EMBRACES AS A DEFINITE RULE THE PRINCIPLES OF CORRECTNESS AND CONSISTENCY, WHICH ARE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH MORALITY AND DEMOCRATIC REGIME, IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

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IT CONSIDERS THIS A PREREQUISITE TO ESTABLISH SOUND RELATONS AND LASTING FRIENDHSIPS AMONG NATIONS. IT DEEMS IT A DUTY TO ENABLE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE INTEREST IN AND CONTRIBUTE TO FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN LINE WITH OUR NATIONAL INTERST.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO RENDER MORE EFFECTIVE TO MAKE OUR NATION KNOWN BETTER ABROAD BY SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND ADHERING TO THE RULES OF CORRECTNESS AND CONSISTENCY THE ENDEAVORS TO GET WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ACQUAINTED WITH OUR NATIONAL ATTITUDE AND DEVELOPMENT."

11. TURKS ABROAD. "IMPORTANCE WILL BE ATTACHED TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE MEANS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE THEIR OWN CULTURE AND THEIR MOTHER TONGUE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO BENEFIT EQUALLY FROM ALL THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM PROVIDED IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY OF THEIR RESIDENCE.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SECURE SPECIAL MEANS TO THE RELATIVES IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF IMMIGRANTS RESETTLED IN TURKEY OR TO PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO ENJOY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THEIR TIES WITH TURKEY.

THE NECESSARY INITIATIVES WILL BE TAKEN AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ENABLE FOR THE IMMIGRANTS TO HAVE ALL THEIR VESTED SOCIAL SECURITY RISKS TRANSFERRED FROM THE COUNTRY THEY CAME AND TO INCORPORATE VPESAUMLETS#WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME IN TURKEY."

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12. BALANCEING FOREIGN RELATIONS AND DEFENSE. "OUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT FOREIGN POLICY IS INSEPARABLE FROM NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY. IN THIS BELIEF, WHILE IT WORKS OUT A NATIONAL SECIRYT CONCEPT WHICH WOULD REFRAIN FROM BASING TURKEY'S DEFENSE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCESSIVELY ON EXTERNAL SUPPORT AND ON A CERTAIN SINGLE SOURCE, IT WILL ALSO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE FOREIGN POLICY ACCORDINGLY. BASING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION UPON MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND COMMON INTEREST AND IT WILL TRY TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SECURITY ABOVE ALL WITH SUCH A PEACEFUL FOREIGN POLICY. IT WILL TAKE CONSTANT CARE TO PREVENT ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIANCES FROM BEING A SOURCE OF ANXIETY AND INSECURITY FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. BE THEY WITHIN OR OUTSIDE ALLIANCES, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER ESPOUSE POLICIES WHICH WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH WILL IMPAIR OUR NATIONAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS AND THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WE AIM AT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

13. REGIONAL RELATIONS. "APART FROM THE RELATIONS IT HAS IN THE ALLIANCES AND THE COMMUNITIES TO WHICH IT BELONGS, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BROADEN ITS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL REGIMES. IT WILL ESTABLISH CLOSE RELATIONS, COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY ESPECIALLY WITH REGIONAL COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL EVALUATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION IN THE REGION AS A MIDDLE EASTERN, MEDITERRANEAN AND BALKAN COUNTRY AS A PERMANENT FACTOR IN EXPANDING AND PROMOTING THE RELATIONS OF TURKEY WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. IT SHALL KEEP IN VIEW THAT IT S HISTORIC AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SHOULD ADD MORAL STRENGTH AND THEY SHOULD CONSTITUTE A SOUND BASIS TO THE NEW RELTIONS AND COOPERATION WITH THESE

COUNTRIES.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY CARE FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST, FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND FOR THE CREATION
OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF SECURITY WHICH ELIMINATES THE NECESSITY
OF AN ARMS RACE IN THE REGION FOR MAKING POSSIBLE THE SOLUTION
OF REGIONAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF DISTANT OR
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GREAT POWERS.

IT WILL SUPPORT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN ENTERING
INTO A MULTILATERAL, CLOSE AND CONSTANT COOPERATION WITH A VIEW
TO CREATING POWERFUL ECONOMIES BASED ON LARGER MARKETS, IN
ACCELERATING THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTING THEMSELVES
AGAINST EXPLOITATION."

14. LAW OF THE SEAS. "OUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST ORDER FOR ALL MANKIND TO BENEFIT
FROM THE SEAS, SKIES AND SPACE. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SECURE
AND SAFEGUARD TURKEY'S NATIONAL ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND ALL
SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS RELATED TO THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE
SEAS IN GENERAL. TO THIS END IT WILL LOSE NO TIME IN MAKING
THE LEGAL ADJUSTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE AGE."

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15. CYPRUS. "WITHOUT LOSING ANY TIME, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO ATTAINED FREEDOM AND SECURITY FOLLOWING THE TURKISH PEACE OPERATION IN 1974, TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS WHICH
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ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF CYPRUS IN EVERY FIELD AND WHICH GUARANTEE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-ADMINISTRATION. IN DOING SO OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SEE TO IT THAT REGIONAL PEACE IS CONSOLIDATED AND CYPRUS BECOMES A SOURCE OF SECURITY AND PEACE FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. IN THIS REGARD, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO REALIZE A BI-REGIONAL, BI-COMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED FEDERAL STATE IN CYPRUS."

16. EEC. "IN THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND COOPERATION THAT TURKEY MAY CULTIVATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SHOW CARE FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE REQUISITE INITIATIVES IMMEDIATELY TO ARRIVE AT A SETTLEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR NATION, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ECONOMY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WHICH HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE.

OUR PRESENT DAY RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND CERTAIN PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE PROTOCOLS WHICH REGULATE THE "TRANSITIONAL PERIOD" OF THE ASSOCIATION IN PARTICULAR, INTRODUCE SERIOUS BARRIERS TO OUR DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALIZATION EFFORTS AND THEY PREVENT TURKEY FROM FOLLOWING A FOREIGN TRADE POLICY TOWARDS DEVELOPED

NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
INTERESTS AND THEY EVEN MAKE ITS DEVELOPMENT DIFFICULT IN AGRICULTURA
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AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSISTENT AND
RESOLVED TO RE-ADJUST OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY IN
A WAY TO FUNCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COUNTRY AND ECONOMY.
BUT, FURTHER THAN THAT, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE TO GIVE
TURKISH ECONOMY A STRUCTURE WHICH WILL NOT BE OVERWHELMED
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CONSOLIDATE TURKEY'S INDEPENDENCE."

17. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. "IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS,
OUR GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO ENABLE TURKEY TO ACQUIRE
AN ECONOMIC STRENGTH THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ALSO THE
COMMON PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WHICH ARE
IN SEARCH OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A JUST ECONOMIC ORDER IN THE WORLD, OUR GOVERNMENT TAKING
THE VIEW THAT THE UNDERDEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD
TAKE THE LEAD IN EFFORTS MADE IN THIS DIRECTION AND FORM GROUPS OF
POWERFUL ECONOMIC SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES,
WILL TAKE THE REQUISITE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THIS REGARD.

18. HUMAN RIGHTS. "IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD
MATERIALIZE AND PROTECT THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FREEDOM IN THEIR OWN SOCIETIES IN ORDER THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE
CONTRIBUTION TO FREEDOM AND PEACE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
EQUITABLE ORDER IN THE WORLD. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE SPECIAL
CARE TO MAKE TURKEY A MODEL COUNTRY IN THIS FIELD.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH IS GOING ON IN OUR COUNTRY FOR
SOMETIME NOW HAS CEASED TO BE SOLELY OUR INTERNAL PROBLEM AND
HAS ACQUIRED A NATURE WHICH AFFECTS ADVERSELY THE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AND RESPECTABILITY OF OUR STATE.

IN THE SOLUTION OF OUR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AS WELL AS IN
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